



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 16, 2007

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COUNCIL-APPOINTED COMMITTEES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

PRESENTATION

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council make appointments and reappointments to fill vacancies on the following:

- Child Care and Youth Services Committee;
- Cultural Arts Committee;
- Fairview Park Friend/Fundraising Committee;
- Historical Preservation Committee;
- Investment Oversight Committee;
- Redevelopment & Residential Rehabilitation (3R) Committee; and
- Costa Mesa Senior Corporation Board

BACKGROUND:

Council Policy 000-2 (attached) pertaining to Council appointed committees, notes that expiration of all committee terms shall be tied to one of two time periods annually: April or October. Currently, there are vacancies on the above committees, due to either term expirations or resignations. New members have been solicited for all committees having vacant positions through press releases and by word-of-mouth through Committee members and liaisons.

City Council last made appointments and reappointments to various Committees at their April 3, 2007 meeting. For this period, there are a total of 23 vacancies, consisting of regular and alternate vacancy positions on six Committees and one Board. The 3R Committee appointments will be included with the other Committees in the interest of time and expediency, as well as the Board of Director appointments to the Costa Mesa Senior Corporation Board, based on recent direction from City Council to include these two groups. Two of the Directors of the Board have resigned; their terms expire in April 2009. The individuals appointed to fill these vacancies will serve until April 2009.

ANALYSIS:

Staff has received 20 applications for this recruitment. This is a slightly higher number of responses received as compared to the last recruitment, in which 18 interest forms were submitted. Ten of the applications are requests for reappointments. The current figure includes applications for serving on the 3R Committee and the Costa Mesa Senior Corporation Board. Two press releases were distributed: on August 10 and August 29, and information was posted on the City's website and CMTV.

Attachment 1 provides a list of all committees and the applicants who have requested appointments or reappointment to each, as well as the number of vacancies (expired terms and resignations). Supporting documents (Attachment 2) include current rosters for each committee and Commission & Committee Interest Forms.

As noted in the Background section, Council Policy 000-2 (Attachment 3), provides additional information on the recruitment and appointment process.

Fairview Park Friends Committee

The Fairview Park Friends Committee began as a 13-member standing committee in April 2000. It was reduced to an 11-member standing committee in 2002, and then became an 8-member ad hoc committee in May 2005, by action of the City Council. The Committee's current membership includes: 5 at-large members, plus a member of each of the three present/future Park user groups: Harbor Soaring Society, Orange County Model Engineer, and Costa Mesa Historical Society (future). However, there have been two vacant positions vacant since 2005, and one member has not been in attendance for any of the meetings or events since last year. The Committee is down to five active members.

The five active members of the Committee have struggled to plan and attend the two annual events, Paws Around the Park (May) and Lounge Chair Theatre (late summer). While these events have raised awareness for Fairview Park, they are not sources of strong revenue, when staff involvement and event costs are factored in. The Paws event is now overseen by the non-profit group Pet Pro Life, with assistance from some of the Committee members and staff. This August's Lounge Chair Theatre became a partnership with the City's Recreation Division. The Committee staff liaison plans the four seasonal tours and ensures the tour has a guide.

Two applications have been received for this recruitment period to serve on the Fairview Park Friends Committee.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Continue this item to the City Council meeting of November 6, 2007, when all Council Members are expected to be in attendance.

FISCAL REVIEW:

No fiscal review is required for this item.

LEGAL REVIEW:

No legal review is required for this item.

CONCLUSION:

City Council needs to make appointment and reappointment selections to the respective Committees and the Board. All appointments and reappointments are to expire October of 2009, in accordance with Council Policy 000-2. The exception is the appointments to the Costa Mesa Senior Corporation Board. The individuals appointed will complete the unexpired terms of the members who resigned. These terms expire April 2009.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1 [List of Committees and Applicants](#)
2 [Committee Rosters and Submitted Interest Forms](#)
3 [Council Policy 000-2](#)